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**From:** DalSoglio, Julie [DalSoglio.Julie@epa.gov]  
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**Subject:** RE: Flathead Basin Commission Meeting

Thanks Peter for the update. I swung by this morning to catch so appreciate your follow through.

And yes, there is funding available to begin the visioning process and I continue to work with the NPL listing team and the Community Involvement Coordinator to move this activity forward.

I will stop by for more background on monitoring.

Julie

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**From:** Brumm, Peter  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 14, 2015 1:12 PM  
**To:** DalSoglio, Julie  
**Cc:** Vranka, Joe; Coate, Carson  
**Subject:** Flathead Basin Commission Meeting

Julie,

I wanted to give you an update on the FBC meeting from last week. Much of the day was spent discussing the need to revisit the commission's Strategic Plan and Action Plan in response to the 2010 MOU with Canada and funding shortages. Currently the group is focused on aquatic invasive species, increased train traffic and the potential for spills, and international/trans-boundary topics, but they desire to be involved in many other subjects that compete for staffing and funding resources. Some time was spend discussing the pros and cons of establishing a 501(c)3 or Friends of the FBC to leverage funding options but no decisions were finalized. There was general consensus that taking a step back to revisit the Strategic Plan and Action Plan is appropriate at this time as it would be an opportunity to prioritize and clearly define the organization's goals and objectives. The monitoring committee came to the conclusion that these "mission statement" discussions need to take place before monitoring priorities can be established. Look for a doodle poll invitation soon to schedule a time to get into the finer detail of revising the Action Plan so those results can be presented at the next regularly scheduled FBC meeting on June 24<sup>th</sup>.

Rob Parker called into the meeting and fielded questions regarding the Columbia Falls Aluminum Company NPL listing. The FBC said they would submit another letter to EPA during this public comment period in support of the listing decision reiterating their previous letter. **FBC said we previously indicated there may be EPA funding available for FBC to lead a community vision process separate from Glencore's process and wanted to follow up on that.**

That's the quick summary. Let me know if you have any questions,

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